

# THE STATES assembled on Monday 11th December 2017, at 2.30 p.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir William James Bailhache.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen Dalton, G.C.B., LL.D. (Hon.), D.Sc. (Hon.), B.Sc., F.R.Ae.S., C.C.M.I. was present.

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Paul Francis Routier, M.B.E. – ill

Senator Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 3.10 p.m.)

Senator Sir Philip Martin Bailhache – absent on States business

Connétable Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence – excused attendance

Connétable Stephen William Pallett of St. Brelade – en défaut (défaut raised at 3.00 p.m.)

Deputy Judith Ann Martin of St. Helier – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 3.01 p.m.)

Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 3.34 p.m.)

Deputy Richard John Rondel of St. Helier – ill

Deputy Andrew David Lewis of St. Helier – en défaut

Deputy Simon Muir Brée of St. Clement - ill

Deputy Murray Julian Norton of St. Brelade – en défaut (défaut raised at 2.50 p.m.)

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier of the States

#### Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

Health and Social Services (2018 Fees – Homes and Nursing) (Jersey) Order 2017. R&O.123/2017. *Minister for Health and Social Services*.

Home Affairs (Fire and Rescue and Petroleum – 2018 Fees) (Jersey) Order 2017. R&O.124/2017. *Minister for Home Affairs*.

Food (Registration of Premises) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2017. R&O.128/2017. *Minister for the Environment.* 

## **Documents presented**

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.66/2017): P.66/2017. comments.

Presented: 6th December 2017.

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.

Jersey Infrastructure Levy: approval in principle (P.100/2017) – comments.

Presented: 4th December 2017.

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Jersey Infrastructure Levy: approval in principle (P.100/2017) – amendment P.100/2017. (P.100/2017 Amd.) – comments. Amd.Com. Presented: 8th December 2017. Minister for the Environment. Jersey Law Commission Annual Report for 2016. R.129/2017. Presented: 6th December 2017. Chief Minister. States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Economic Development, R.130/2017. Tourism, Sport and Culture – delegation of financial authorities. Presented: 6th December 2017. Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture. Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – Portinfer Common, St. Ouen – grant R.131/2017. of rights for a mains water pipe. Presented: 6th December 2017. Minister for Infrastructure. Social housing in Jersey: introduction of a regulatory framework – consultation R.132/2017. response and policy position of the Minister for Housing. Presented: 7th December 2017. Minister for Housing. Grants and Subsidies. R.133/2017. Presented: 7th December 2017. Comptroller and Auditor General. Migration Policy. R.134/2017. Presented: 8th December 2017. Council of Ministers. States of Jersey Investment Strategies (December 2017). R.135/2017. Presented: 11th December 2017. Minister for Treasury and Resources. Future Hospital Project. S.R.13/2017. Presented: 6th December 2017. Chairmen's Committee. **Notification of lodged propositions** Draft Howard Davis Farm (Arrangements for further Abrogation of Covenant) (Jersey) P.105/2017. Law 201- (P.105/2017): amendment (P.105/2017 Amd.) – amendment. Amd.Amd. Lodged: 6th December 2017. Minister for Infrastructure.

P.107/2017.

Amd.Amd.

Future Hospital: approval of preferred scheme and funding (P.107/2017) – amendment

(P.107/2017 Amd.) – amendment.

Lodged: 5th December 2017.

Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour.

Future Hospital: approval of preferred scheme and funding (P.107/2017) – amendment (P.107/2017 Amd.) – second amendment.

Lodged: 11th December 2017.

P.107/2017.

Amd.

Amd.(2).

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Data Protection (Jersey) Law 201-. P.116/2017.

Lodged: 5th December 2017.

Chief Minister.

Data Protection Authority (Jersey) Law 201-. P.117/2017.

Lodged: 5th December 2017.

Chief Minister.

Draft Criminal Procedure (Jersey) Law 201-. P.118/2017.

Lodged: 5th December 2017.

Council of Ministers.

Draft Amendment (No. 34) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.119/2017.

Lodged: 6th December 2017.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Social housing in Jersey: introduction of a regulatory framework. P.120/2017.

Lodged: 7th December 2017.

Minister for Housing.

Minimum Wage: amendment of States Act dated 21st April 2010. P.121/2017.

Lodged: 8th December 2017.

Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier.

States Employment Board: living wage 2017. P.122/2017.

Lodged: 8th December 2017.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

E-Petitions: introduction. P.123/2017.

Lodged: 8th December 2017.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

## Withdrawal of lodged propositions

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposers of the following propositions lodged "au Greffe" had informed the Greffier of the States that they had been withdrawn –

States Employment Board: living wage 2017. P.72/2017.

Lodged: 31st July 2017.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Draft Petty Debts Court (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.95/2017.

Lodged: 12th October 2017.

Chief Minister.

## **Written Questions**

(see Official Report/Hansard)

1. The Minister for Social Security tabled an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Ouen regarding the additional single-parent component of Income Support.

- 1(629) 2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the return to the Guarantor from Andium Homes.
- 1(630) 3. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the Social Security Review and the involvement of the Statistics Unit.
- 1(632) 4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the E.U. Code of Conduct for Business Taxation and information on company profits.
- 5. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the funding of higher education tuition fees and maintenance grants.
- 1(634) 6. The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding agricultural grants and loans.
- 1(635) 7. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding policies to reduce economic inequality.
- 1(636) 8. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding policies to increase social mobility.
- 1(637) 9. The Minister for Health and Social Services tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the Department's complaints policy for children and vulnerable adults.
- 1(638) 10. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding agricultural grants and loans provided by his Department.

#### **Oral Questions**

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- 1. The Deputy of St. John asked a question of H.M. Attorney General regarding the legal context to the role of States members as the corporate parent in relation to children in care.
- 1(649) 2. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding arrangements for the prescription of certain medicinal cannabis products.
- 1(642) 3. The Connétable of St. John asked a question of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the cost for the training of fire officers and cover provided by the Fire and Rescue Service in place of the R.N.L.I. all-weather life boat.
- 4. Senator S.C. Ferguson asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding services undertaken in the existing hospital which were not planned to be undertaken in the new hospital.
- 1(640) 5. The Deputy of Grouville asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the extension of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 to wholly-owned or majority-owned States entities.

1(631) 6. Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour asked a question of the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the recent erection of fencing near St. Catherine's Breakwater.

- 7. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding his proposals to reform Jersey's tax system.
- 1(652) 8. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding actions taken following the death of a dog subsequent to the ingestion of phorate.
- 9. Senator S.C. Ferguson asked a question of the Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture regarding the cost to the States of R.N.L.I. lifeguards.
- 1(641) 10. The Deputy of Grouville asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding his policy on pursuing payments for encroachments on the foreshore.
- 1(654) 11. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the prospect of an independent public inquiry into the sacking of the R.N.L.I. coxswain.
- 1(653) 12. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the impact of governmental public sector pay policies.
- 1(643) 13. The Connétable of St. John asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding changes to the acute services planned to be available in the new Hospital.
- 1(655) 14. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier asked a question of H.M. Attorney General regarding ultimate responsibility in instances where a civil action was brought against a Centenier.
- 1(656) 15. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the role of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority in supervising complaints made against the police.

#### **Urgent Oral Question**

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Connétable of St. John asked the following question of the Chairman of the States Employment Board which the Bailiff had allowed in accordance with Standing Order 15 relating to urgent oral questions –

"Will the Chairman explain why payslips are not being given to weekly paid manual workers in accordance with the Employment (Jersey) Law 2003?"

#### **Oral Questions without notice**

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Home Affairs answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources answered questions without notice from members.

## Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee made a statement regarding the Referendum Commission.

The Chief Minister made a statement regarding the publication of the European Union's 'blacklist' of non-co-operative jurisdictions for tax purposes

# Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES approved the request of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the minimum lodging period in respect of his amendment (P.107/2017 Amd.Amd.(2)) to the amendment of the Connétable of St. John (P.107/2017 Amd.) to the proposition of the Minister for Treasury and Resources entitled 'Future Hospital: approval of preferred scheme and funding' (P.107/2017) in order that it might be debated at the present meeting.

# Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Tuesday 12th December 2017 to consider the items of public business listed for the present meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.31 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States